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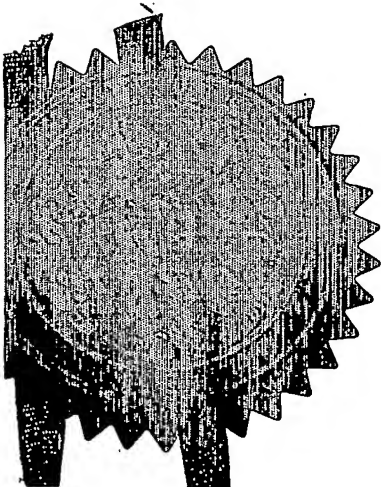
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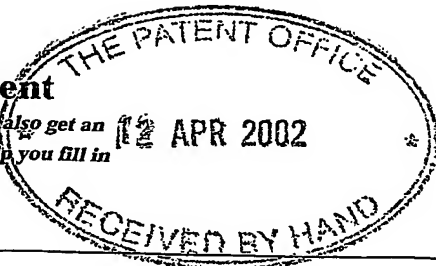
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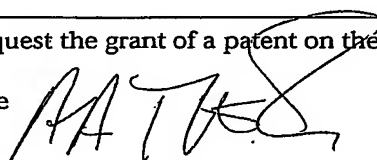
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## ELECTRICALLY CONTROLLED DOOR LOCK

The present invention relates to door locks and more particularly to a door lock which is electrically controlled.

5        It is known to provide door locks which are a combination of a conventional door lock which can be activated by a key but which can also be released by means of an electrical control signal. These are common in apartment blocks.

10        Customarily, the electrical control signal is used to move a member out of position to such an extent that the locking member attached to the door no longer prevents the door being pushed open.

15        Despite the fact that such locks have been available for a considerable number of years, there still exists the need to provide a reliable electrically actuated arrangement at low cost and particularly one which can be installed in either a normally closed or normally open condition.

The present invention provides an electrically activated door lock in which a piezo electric member is used to control movement of a blocking member which in turn controls the latching of the door.

20        Preferably, the blocking member and the retaining member are shaped so as to permit movement of the blocking member to either release the locking member to allow a door to be opened or engage the member so as to prevent the door being opened.

25        In order that the present invention be more readily understood, an embodiment thereof will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings in which Fig 1 shows a diagrammatic representation of an electrically activated latching mechanism according to the present invention and Fig 2 shows diagrammatically a reversing mechanism capable of altering the

operation of the mechanism shown in Fig 1 from a normally open condition to a normally closed condition.

Referring now to Fig 1, this shows diagrammatically a door 10 provided with a lock 11 having a retractable locking member 12 which is normally retracted by means of a manually engageable knob 13 or a key in the conventional manner. The latching member 12 is received in a recess in a door jamb 14 and in the normal condition is arranged to engage with a member 15 which prevents the door being opened unless the latching member 12 is retracted.

In order to electrically control the lock, the member 15 is pivotal in the direction of the arrow A if it is desired to permit someone without a key opening the door. The pivotal movement is sufficient to allow the latching member 12 to clear the member 15 on simply pushing the door.

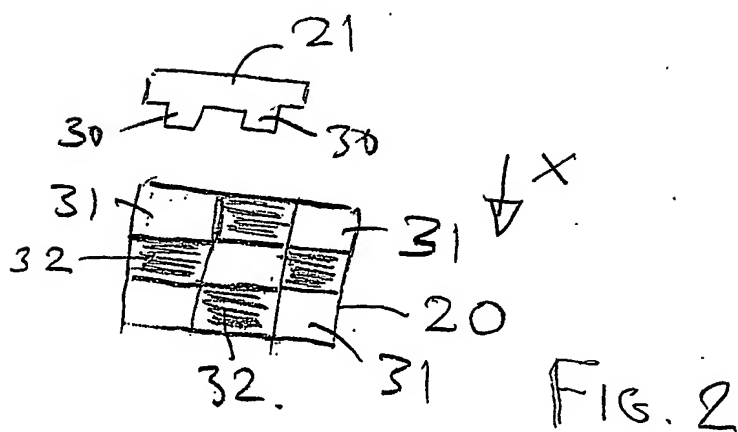
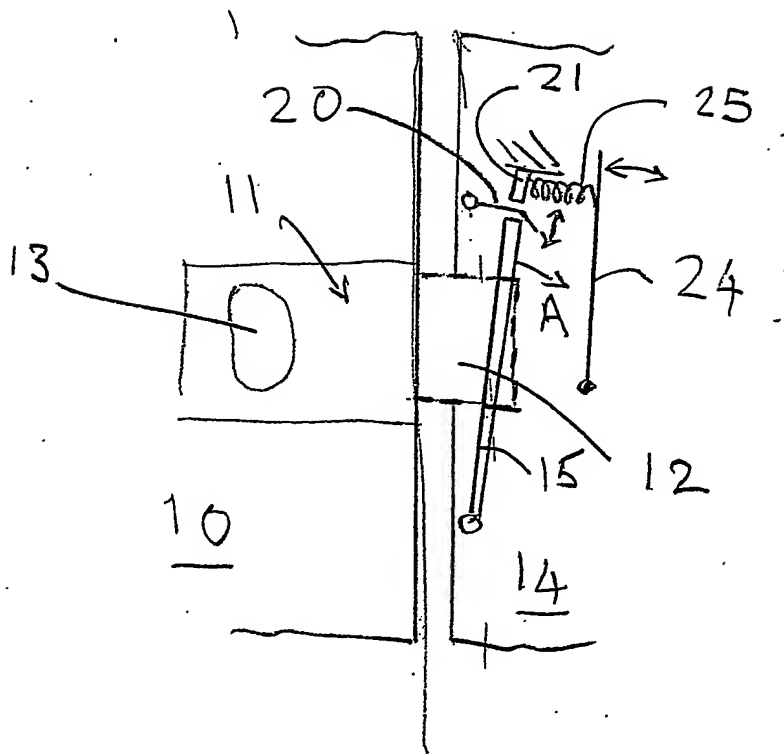
Movement of the member 15 in the direction of the arrow A is controlled by a detent 20 which engages the end of the member 15 but is capable of being moved out of the way of the end of the member 15 so as to permit the member 15 to rotate in the direction of the arrow A.

Movement of the detent 20 is in turn electrically controlled by means of a blocking member 21. In one position of the blocking member 21 rotational movement of the detent 20 is inhibited due to engagement with the blocking member 21. This in turn inhibits rotational movement of the member 15 in the direction of the arrow A when the door is pushed. However, if an electrical signal is supplied to a suitable actuator, the blocking member 21 is moved to a second position where, if the door is pushed, the member 15 attempts to move in the direction of the arrow A. This causes the detent 20 to attempt to move arcuately upwards which it can now do due to the fact that the blocking member has moved to its second position. In this way, the door can simply be pushed open.

Electrical control of the blocking member 21 is achieved by means of a piezo-electric actuator which, when pulsed, will cause the blocking member to move from the first to the second position. To ensure that mechanical forces derived from the locking member are not transferred to the piezo-electric actuator 24, the blocking member 21 is resiliently coupled to the actuator 24 and in this case this is achieved by means of a spring 25.

A particular feature of the preferred embodiment is that the contact surfaces of the blocking member 21 and the detent 20 are shaped so that simply by presetting the orientation of the blocking member 21 and detent 20 the lock can operate so that the door can either be in a normally open or a normally closed condition and the application of the electrical control signal locks or opens the door as desired. In this embodiment this is achieved by the member 21 being provided with two projecting teeth 30 as shown in Fig 2 which are spaced apart. The contact surface of the detent 20 is provided with mating projections and recesses with the recesses 31 being located at the same pitch as the projections 30 on the blocking member 21 and consequently spaced apart by the same amount. By arranging that on initial installation the members 21 and 20 are arranged so that the projections 30 on the member 21 are normally arranged to be received in recesses 31 in the initial unenergised condition of the piezo-electric member 24, the door will be a normally open door which when the blocking member is moved in the direction of the arrow X in Fig 2 results in the projections 30 meeting the projections 32 on the detent 20 in the event that the door is pushed which prevents the detent from rotating and consequently the door from being opened. It will be appreciated that by initially setting the reverse conditions the door will be normally closed but will be capable of being pushed open when the blocking member is moved under the control of the piezo-electric actuator so that the projections 30 mate with the recesses 31.

The manner in which the operation of the lock can be preset is a matter of design choice but could be achieved simply by providing the pivot of the detent 20 in the form of a bar along which the detent 20 is slid. Likewise, the blocking member 21 could be moved if it were located in a slide way.



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